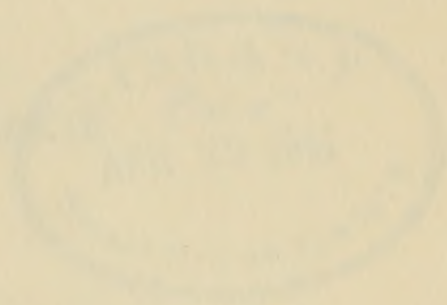



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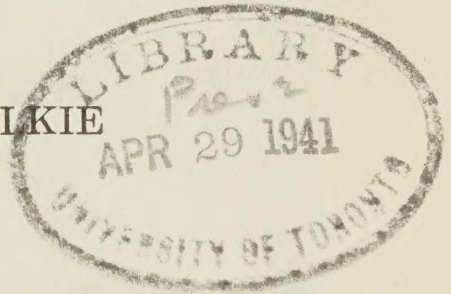
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It is my privilege to welcome to Canada to-night a great citizen of the United States, Mr. Wendell Willkie. I extend this welcome on behalf of the government, and of the whole Canadian people. In Mr. Willkie, we all recognize a foremost champion of free institutions of government, of human rights and human freedom and of international good-will as well.

Mr. Willkie needs no praise from my lips. He has set his own splendid example of conduct, of courage, and of resolution. He has not allowed political strife to dim his eyes, or to blind his judgment

on the momentous issues with which the world is faced to-day. Nor has he allowed the memories of political strife to lessen his enthusiasm for a noble cause, or to prevent his heart from speaking the faith that is in it.

Service in a Great Cause

From the day he was chosen to lead one of the great political parties in the United States, Mr. Willkie has shown that, honourably conducted, freedom in debate on great issues may strengthen rather than weaken the unity of a nation. From the moment the national verdict was pronounced, Mr. Willkie has also shown that acceptance of the national will may raise a political opponent to heights of public esteem, and opportunities of public service, approaching those of the leader of a victorious administration.

But Mr. Willkie has not been content with seeking to unite political parties in a great cause. He has been equally zealous in his endeavour to unite countries. His historic visit to Britain, and his appearance before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, have touched the imagination of the British, the American, and the Canadian peoples. Amongst the people of Britain, he walked as a man of the people. He cheered them, and they cheered him. The men and women with whom he talked became conscious, almost instantly, of an unmistakable kinship of feeling and of thought.

But Mr. Willkie's visit to Britain served a much larger purpose. His experience helped him to bring home, to the people of the United States, the truth that the destruction of liberty in Britain would constitute a real and immediate threat to their own

liberty. While he was able to assure his fellow countrymen that British resolution was as firm as a rock and that the British spirit was indomitable, he was also able to convince the United States of the urgency of the need for full and immediate aid to Britain.

Britain: The Cornerstone of Freedom

Elsewhere, I have said that the Lease-Lend Act will stand throughout time as a milestone of freedom: that it points the way to ultimate victory. While that is true, it is not less true that Britain continues to stand to-day, as she has through centuries of the past, the cornerstone of freedom in the world.

The people of Canada are grateful for the support which Mr. Willkie gave to the principle of the Lease-Lend Bill. We are not less grateful to him for helping his own people to realize, that, in order to preserve the structure of civilization, the cornerstone of the world's freedom must be kept unbroken and in place.

When Mr. Willkie left Britain, the respect, the friendship, and the gratitude of the British people followed him to America. I venture to say that his name, to-day, is honoured by free men the world over.

Mr. Willkie is paying his present visit to Canada on the joint invitation of the officers of the Canadian War Services Fund and myself on behalf of the Government. To our great pleasure, he has come to speak to us. The appeal to which Mr. Willkie lends his presence and his voice is an appeal by six voluntary organizations which have won and deserve our trust. To-day, with the approval and under the direction of the Government, these organizations have

joined in one nation-wide co-operative campaign to help the war effort of our country. They appeal on behalf of the soldiers, the sailors, the airmen and the nurses of Canada. Their appeal is for aid in providing those auxiliary services so necessary to preserve the morale, and to sustain the physical and spiritual well-being of the fighting forces. Their appeal merits your most generous support.

The War Services Appeal

The Canadian Legion represents men who fought in the last war, and who, in the years between, have worked to build the nation whose foundations were strengthened by their sacrifices. Its members are old soldiers, guiding the footsteps of young soldiers, and helping to comfort them in war, and to train them for peace.

The Knights of Columbus represent young Canadians joined in the brotherhood of an ancient faith. In that comradeship, they have ever kept before their eyes the lessons of civic duty, and of human fellowship.

The Salvation Army has carried its message of hope into the darkest places. It has restored many a broken wayfarer to the dignity of manhood and womanhood.

The Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. have ennobled our common citizenship by their encouragement of congenial friendship, physical training and mental culture, and their welcome to those whose work has taken them away from the shelter of their homes.

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire has strengthened the fabric of our national life by the enthusiasm of its membership for the free institutions of our British heritage, by its generous scholarships, and by its many charities.

A Union of Effort

To-day, all of these organizations place their experience and their wisdom at the service of our country's wartime needs. Their union of effort means that every contribution will be collected more efficiently, and spent more economically. Practically every dollar which they receive will be dedicated to the shelter, the comfort, the education and the help in other ways of the men and women of our country on guard at freedom's gates in Britain, in Canada, on the islands of the Atlantic and wheresoever the call to service takes them.

Where duty leads our soldiers, sailors, and airmen, these, their friends and helpers, will follow. They will keep alive for those who are far away, the memory of loved ones and the sacred associations of home. In many a hut, and meeting place, and hall of entertainment, the men of our armed forces, under the strain of war, will be afforded moments of rest and relaxation. Amid pleasant and wholesome surroundings, they will be able to sing the songs that cheer them, to write their letters, and to meet those who will be helpful to them. They will, too, be taught many useful things, and will be kept close to the faith and influence of the homes that have moulded and sanctified their lives.

In making your contribution to the war services fund you may be certain that every dollar which you give for this work will assist and comfort those who

fight for us, and will also gladden the hearts of their mothers, their fathers, their wives, their children and their friends. Your response to the appeal cannot be too generous.

A New World Order

Much is being said to-day about a new world order to take the place of the old world order when the war is at an end. If that new order is not already on its way before the war is over, we may look for it in vain. A new world order cannot be worked out, at some given moment, and reduced to writing at a conference table. It is not a matter of parchments and of seal. That was a part of the mistaken belief at the end of the last war. It is born, not made. It is something that lives and breathes; something much closer to the soul of man; something that needs to be worked out and prepared in the minds and the hearts of men. It expresses itself in brotherhood, in goodwill, and in mutual aid. It is the application, in all human relations, of the principle of service, and of helpfulness, that ennobles the work you are being asked to-night to support.

What has come out of the old world order, we behold every day in scenes of indescribable horror. Trial and tribulation are fast becoming the lot of all. So much that is precious and good is lost in violent death, and in the welter of destruction. These evil things must not prevail.

While the old order is destroying itself, a new relationship of men and of nations is already beginning its slow but sure evolution. It is based not on fear, on greed, and on hate, but on mutual trust and the noblest qualities of the human heart and mind. It seeks neither to divide nor to destroy. Its aim is brotherhood, its method co-operation.

One Great Brotherhood

The new order found expression when Britain determined to put an end to aggression in Europe. It expressed itself at the outbreak of war, when this young nation and other nations of the British Commonwealth took their place at the side of Britain, and made a free-will offering of their treasure, and their blood, in the defence of freedom. You will find its latest manifestation in the resolution of the United States of America to lend its powerful aid to the nations which are fighting for freedom.

All these things are combining to create one great brotherhood of the English-speaking peoples. Nations large and small are finding, in its aim, a new unity in the common defence of freedom and human rights. On such a foundation of unity of purpose and of effort, free peoples may well hope to build an enduring new world order.

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea... and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

A New Heaven and a New Earth

A new heaven and a new earth—are not these, in very truth, what we seek to-day? A heaven to which men, and women and little children no longer will look in fear, but where they may gaze again in silent worship, and in thankfulness for the benediction of the sun and the rain; an earth no longer scarred by warfare and torn by greed, but where the lowly and the humble of all races, may work in ways of pleasantness, and walk in paths of peace.

And the sea no longer will be the scene of conflict, nor harbour any menace; it, too, will gladden the hearts of men as it unites, in friendly intercourse, the nations of the world.

Then, . . . “ *shall all men’s good
Be each man’s rule, and universal Peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land,
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea,
Thro’ all the circle of the golden year*”.

This new heaven, this new earth is the vision which, at this time of war, unites, inspires, and guides Britain, Canada, and other nations of the British Commonwealth, and the United States. No lesser vision will suffice to gain the victory. No lesser service to humanity will hold the faith and win the gratitude of mankind.

It is this new world order which our honoured guest, Mr. Wendell Willkie, is joining with others to help to create.

